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OF 1500 HOURS (EST) FEBRUARY 14, 1975

THE "CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN MISSION" OF THE INSURGENT
ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) HAS CALLED AT OUR EMBASSY
IN CAIRO REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH A "RESPONSIBLE
AMERICAN OFFICIAL". WE ARE CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO RESPOND
TO THIS REQUEST.

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT RICHARD HANNA, AN AMERICAN
ARRESTED BY THE PROVISION MILITARY GOVERNMENT (PMG) IN
EARLY JANUARY, HAS BEEN CHARGED, INTER ALIA, WITH ESPIONAGE
"FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERN-
MENT." OUR EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED FOR A DEFERRAL OF COURT
PROCEEDINGS AND A DISCUSSION OF THE CASE WITH THE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON FEBRUARY 15. INGERSOLL

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